

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1.-11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) A ticket printing device, comprising:

at least one print head,

means for driving a ticket across the at least one print head, the means for driving presenting a first face of the ticket to the at least one print head, and

means for guiding a direction of travel to the ticket,

wherein said means for driving includes a block applied against a second face of the ticket, the second face being opposite to the first face, and the block including a first roller configured to cause the ticket to move and a second roller configured to be rotated only by the ticket, and wherein the block includes only one second roller.

13. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 12, wherein the first roller and the second roller are respectively generally cylindrical in shape, substantially co-axial, and similar in radius, and the first roller and the second roller are substantially juxtaposed.

14. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 12, wherein the means for guiding includes, facing the first roller, at least one wall parallel to an edge of the ticket, forming a tab capable of defining the direction of travel of the ticket.

15. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 14, wherein the tab is a downstream tab and the means for guiding includes, along the direction of travel, an upstream, the downstream tab and the upstream tab being substantially juxtaposed and placed on either side of the first roller.

16. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 14, wherein the block forms, in a direction from the first roller towards the at least one print head, an angle of between 89° and 90°.

17. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 12, wherein the at least one print head includes a plurality of resistance heating elements capable of releasing heat to enable printing of the ticket, and the device further comprising means for electrically testing the plurality of resistance elements, one by one, said means for testing utilizing an addressing module for the plurality of resistance elements.

18. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 12, further comprising means for supporting the at least one print head including a flexible plate fixed, on one hand, to the at least one print head and, on the other hand, to a mounting integral with the block, together with a rigid plate fixed to the at least one print head and equipped with an end bar substantially parallel to the direction of travel and seated so as to rotate about an axis substantially parallel to the direction of travel in an aperture incorporated into the mounting, such that said rigid plate is capable of preventing pitching motion of the at least one print head while at the same time allowing a rolling motion about said axis.

19. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 18, further comprising means for pushing the plate against the block, the at least one print head being in a position facing the block.

20. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 19, wherein the means for pushing includes an electro-magnet actuated electrically.

21. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 12, wherein the at least one print head is capable of printing barcodes on the ticket.

22. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 21, wherein the ticket includes magnetic information, and the device further comprises a magnetic recording head, while the at least one print head is arranged to operate in conjunction with a magnetic recording station to print barcodes matching the magnetic information recorded on the ticket.

23. (Currently Amended) A ticket printing device, comprising:
at least one print head;
a driving mechanism configured to move a ticket across the at least one print head, thereby presenting a first face of the ticket to the at least one print head; and
a guidance mechanism configured to impart a direction of travel to the ticket,
wherein the driving mechanism includes a block configured to be applied against a second face of the ticket, the second face being opposite to the first face, and the block including a first roller configured to move the ticket and a second roller configured to be rotated only by the ticket, and wherein the block includes only one second roller.

24. (Previously Presented) The device according to Claim 23, wherein the first roller and the second roller are approximately cylindrical in shape, substantially coaxial, and similar in radius, and the first roller and the second roller are substantially juxtaposed.

25. (Previously Presented) The device according to Claim 23, wherein the guidance mechanism includes, facing the first roller, at least one wall parallel to an edge of the ticket, forming a tab capable of defining the direction of travel.

26. (Previously Presented) The device according to Claim 25, wherein the tab

includes a downstream tab, and

the guidance mechanism includes, along the direction of travel, an upstream tab, the downstream tab and the upstream tab being substantially juxtaposed and placed on either side of the first roller.

27. (Previously Presented) The device according to Claim 25, wherein the block forms, in a direction from the first roller toward the at least one print head, an angle between 89° and 90° .

28. (Previously Presented) The device according to Claim 23, wherein the at least one print head includes a plurality of resistance heating elements configured to release heat to enable printing of the ticket, and

an electrical testing device configured to test each of the plurality of resistance heating elements using an addressing module.

29. (Previously Presented) The device according to Claim 23, further comprising:
a support configured to support the at least one print head, the support including a flexible plate fixed to the at least one print head and to a mounting integral with the block and a rigid plate fixed to the at least one print head and equipped with an end bar substantially parallel to the direction of travel and configured to rotate about an axis substantially parallel to the direction of travel in an aperture of the mounting, such that the rigid plate is configured to prevent pitching motion of the at least one print head while enabling a rolling motion about the axis.

30. (Previously Presented) The device according to Claim 29, further comprising a pushing mechanism configured to push the plate against the block while the at least one print

head faces the block.

31. (Previously Presented) The device according to Claim 30, wherein the pushing mechanism includes an electrically actuated electromagnet.

32. (Previously Presented) The device according to Claim 23, wherein the at least one print head is configured to print barcodes on the ticket.

33. (Previously Presented) The device according to Claim 32, wherein the ticket includes magnetic information, and

the device includes a magnetic recording head, while the at least one print head is configured to operate in conjunction with a magnetic recording station to print barcodes corresponding to the magnetic information from the ticket.

34. (New) The device according to claim 12, wherein the block includes only one first roller, and wherein the first roller and the second roller are provided on a single pin.

35. (New) The device according to claim 23, wherein the block includes only one first roller, and wherein the first roller and the second roller are provided on a single pin.